

The Men Who Enjoy the Political Game Never Seem to Remember that the Rest of Us Consider It a Blamed Nuisance

BIG BALL LEAGUE HOLD ANNUAL MEETINGS

Lynch Re-elected President of
National Organization

TO BUY ST. LOUIS AMERICANS

Offer Made for Team But Name of
Bidder Has Not Been
Divulged

New York, Dec. 15.—R. L. Hedges notified the annual meeting of the American League of Professional Baseball clubs yesterday that he had received an offer for his majority interest in the St. Louis club and, with the consent of the league, he would accept it. The league appointed a committee consisting of President Ban Johnson, President Charles Comiskey of Chicago and President Frank J. Farrell of New York, to consider the offer and report tomorrow. It was commonly understood that the sale would be approved and that the St. Louis Americans would change hands. The identity of the persons making the offer was not made public, but it was intimated that the sum involved would amount well into six figures, and that John Bruce, a minority stockholder, would increase his holdings.

The Boston National League club is also in process of sale. William Hepburn Russell and James P. Phelan were to have paid \$150,000 for the majority interest held by John P. Harris, but were able to show only \$60,000 in cash. They had an option which Harris said he was willing to extend indefinitely, but he would take not less than the sum originally stipulated. The matter stands in that position now, with only this much definite, that Fred Tenney will be manager next season, no matter who is owner.

Thomas J. Lynch was re-elected president of the National League for a term of one year. His acceptance of the position was announced by a short contract.

The National League appointed a committee to confer with the American League on conflicting Sunday dates with the minor leagues, particularly in the west.

Murphy, Ebbets and Fogel won a victory in defeating a resolution to amend the constitution that the schedule committee should be done away with and the league president delegated to form a schedule in conjunction with the American League president. The old schedule committee was re-appointed and in February it will confer with Ban Johnson, and the two will promulgate the schedules for both major leagues.

Under the by-laws of the American League, the old directorate, consisting of representatives from the Boston, New York, Cleveland and Chicago clubs, retired and representatives of St. Louis, Detroit, Washington and Philadelphia will take their places on the board.

Vice President C. W. Somers of the American League was re-elected. Ban Johnson was re-elected president last year for a term of twenty years at a salary of \$25,000 a year.

Friction in the St. Louis club of the American League came to a head. The matter of an outright sale was preceded by a clash between Hedges and Bruce. Hedges proposed to employ Fred Lake, late of Boston, as manager. Bruce insisted upon the promotion of Bobby Wallace, the crack shortstop, to the managership. This and other incidents of baseball history had their share in determining Hedges to offer his majority interest for sale.

The American League appointed President Johnson a committee to frame a schedule of 154 games for next season, beginning April 12 and ending October 7 in the east and October 8 in the west. Mr. Johnson will, as usual, confer with the National League committee.

Both the American and National Leagues received a petition from the Western and Three I Leagues to retain their present classification. Under the recent census, the Western would lose its rating in class A and the Three I would go back from class B to C. Both major leagues appointed their presidents to confer on the matter, with a recommendation that the Western and the Three I Leagues retain their present ratings. Under a lower rating the majors would not have to pay so much for drafted players.

GERMAN LINER IN DISTRESS

The Swakopmund Unmanageable off the West Coast of France.

Brest, Dec. 15.—A wireless message received here from the Italian liner Ancona stated that the Hamburg-American steamship Swakopmund was in distress sixty miles off Arment, a rock reef on the extreme west of the Department of Finistère.

The Swakopmund, the dispatch further stated, had lost her rudder and was unmanageable.

The port authorities have hurried a tug to the assistance of the Swakopmund.

TO PROMOTE PEACE

Andrew Carnegie Establishes \$10,000,000 Fund

Washington, Dec. 15.—To advance the cause of international peace throughout the world—for years his favorite theme—Andrew Carnegie yesterday established a great peace foundation to be administered for all time by a self-perpetuating Board of Trustees and turned over to the first trustees \$10,000,000 of first mortgage 5 per cent bonds worth \$11,500,000. It was not specified what the securities are, but it is understood that they are part of the United States Steel Corporation bonds, of which Mr. Carnegie has such ample store. After international peace is firmly established, and war is no more, the income of the great fund is to be employed for the banishment of "the next most degrading evil or evils" which afflict mankind or the fostering of whatever "new element or elements would most advance the progress, elevation and happiness of man." This is to go on "from century to century, without end."

The trustees are to form a corporation for the administration of the fund and are to have power to dispose of the securities forming the original gift, to invest the proceeds and the income, to spend the income in such manner as they may deem most wise for the furtherance of the prescribed cause; to employ such assistance as they need, and to pay to the President of the corporation "such honoraria as the trustees think proper and he can be prevailed upon to accept."

Legislative Notes

Gov. Mead's central normal school bill is still in committee, having been referred to both the committee on state schools and appropriations. The committee on state schools is favorable to the idea and not much trouble is expected from the other committee. The storm will burst when the bill comes up in the House and if it passes that body will rage with greater fury when it gets to the Senate. Few believe that anything like an adequate school can be established for any such sum as \$65,000 and that this is only the starting point for another large appropriation two years hence. It is not thought that if the state is to do away with the present normal schools a school as the state will need can be constructed much short of \$100,000 to \$150,000 and that it may be wiser to continue the present schools for two years when the demands upon the state may not be as pressing as they seem to be at this time.—Barre Times.

The introduction of the bill to repeal the law passed earlier in the session granting railroads the right to make a change in motive power is not likely to hasten final adjournment for there is sure to be a hard fight before the bill is finally disposed of. It is understood that the Central Vermont and Rutland roads will combine to fight the bill, the Rutland on account of competition at Bennington and the Central Vermont on account of the trouble it is having with the New York, New Haven & Hartford at the southern end of the state. It is not likely that the New Haven road will give up what it has obtained without a struggle and a warm one at that.—Barre Times.

MAY BE ALDRICH AGAIN

Senator to Be Re-elected, It is Said, in Case of Deadlock.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 15.—In the hope of preventing the election to the U. S. Senate of Judge B. Colt, the independent Republican running against Col. Henry L. Lippitt, it was admitted by a prominent party leader that Senator Aldrich might again be the candidate.

It was admitted by members of the state Republican committee that the question of going back to Aldrich had been under consideration in the midst of the campaign have been heard with frequency remarks that "Aldrich will succeed himself," "I will be Aldrich."

In case of a deadlock it is probable that Senator Aldrich will be presented as a candidate to succeed himself. "There is no doubt of his re-election," said one man in a position to know.

RECORD OIL DEAL CLOSED

Standard Co. Pays \$9,000,000 to J. C. Trees Co. for Louisiana Fields.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 15.—A check for \$9,000,000 and notes for \$5,000,000 have been received in this city from the Standard Oil company, and their receipt marks the closing of the largest transaction in the history of oil fields of the United States.

The \$9,000,000 was in payment of a debt to the J. C. Trees Oil company, which sprang into international fame in a day by selling its Louisiana oil fields to the Standard. The sale was made several weeks ago in New York, after the deal had hung fire for months, while officials of the Standard inspected the Trees holdings in Caddo Parish, La.

The Trees were pioneers in the Caddo field.

DAN MCGANN A SUICIDE

Former "Giant" Ball Player Shot Himself at Louisville.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 15.—Dan McGann, former captain and first baseman of the New York Nationals, committed suicide here yesterday. McGann was found in his room in a hotel Tuesday afternoon with a bullet hole over his heart and a revolver in his hand. He had been dead for some hours. McGann last season was with the Milwaukee team of the American association.

CHURCH GETS MOST OF MARY BAKER EDDY'S ESTATE

Will of Christian Science Leader
Filed at Concord

WAS WORTH ABOUT \$1,500,000

"Crown of Diamonds" Breastpin Is
Bequeathed to Mrs. Stetson of
New York

Concord, N. H., Dec. 14.—"For the purpose of more effectively promoting and extending the religion of Christian Science as taught by me," Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, in her will filed here yesterday, makes the mother church in Boston her residuary legatee, after various estimates of the value of the estate place it at approximately \$1,500,000, of which about \$1,400,000 will pass under the residuary clause.

Among the other bequests is one of \$100,000 to the Christian Science board of directors, to be held in trust for the purpose of providing free instruction for "indigent, well educated, worthy Christian Scientists at the Massachusetts Metaphysical college and to aid them hereafter until they can maintain themselves in some department of Christian Science."

In addition to the previous gifts made to her son, George W. Glover of Lond, S. D., \$10,000 is given to him and to each of his five children.

Dr. E. J. Foster Eddy, her adopted son, gets \$5,000; Calvin A. Fry, \$20,000, and there are several bequests of \$1,000 to \$3,000 to relatives and to attendants of the Eddy household.

Mrs. Eddy directs that an indebtedness of the Second Church of Christian Science, in New York, shall be canceled from her estate, and bequeaths her "crown of diamonds" breast pin to Mrs. Stetson of New York.

The will was filed this afternoon. The will was executed on September 13, 1901, and re-executed as an original will November 7, 1903, the previous will having been lost or mislaid. There are two codicils, the first dated November 7, 1903, and the second May 14, 1904.

Henry M. Baker is appointed sole executor without sureties.

There is an absolute gift of \$50,000 to the mother church, besides the \$100,000 trust educational gift.

COOPER TEAM WON

Defeated Holden, Leonard Co. Bowlers Wednesday Evening.

The second game in the bowling tournament was rolled on the Y. M. C. A. alleys Wednesday evening, the Cooper Manufacturing company team defeating the Holden, Leonard Co. five by 63 pins. The scores follow:

Cooper Mfg. Co.			
1st	2nd	3d	
C. Dean	156	194	162
Estabrook	115	138	122
Snow	134	119	119
Allen	134	98	136
Daley	99	120	103
Totals	648	669	642
Team average, 653.			

Holden-Leonard			
1st	2nd	3d	
Holden	136	177	122
Hodge	134	130	109
Ladd	151	140	133
A. Dean	123	120	107
R. Denley	85	117	113
Totals	629	684	584
Team average, 632 2-3			

FAMOUS OLD DRAMA

Uncle Tom's Cabin at the Opera House This Evening.

We are witness a grand revival of that famous old historical play, "Uncle Tom's Cabin" as produced by Al. W. Martin's mammoth company at the opera house this evening. It is doubtful if in earlier days when "Uncle Tom's Cabin" occupied the enviable position of the most popular play of the day, and when it was the novelty of the dramatic stage, if it ever received the attention so liberally bestowed upon it as in Mr. Martin's revival. It surely has never had the benefit of the scenic environment with which he has sumptuously provided it. The stage settings and photo pictures are noteworthy and veritable triumphs of the scenic artist's skill, while the company is all that talent and careful direction can produce.

FOUR GIVEN SENTENCES

Judge Stanton Sends Woman and Three Men to the State Prison.

Middlebury, Dec. 15.—In the Addison county court yesterday, Judge Zed S. Stanton of Roxbury, presiding, Mrs. Minnie Root, who pleaded guilty to a charge of adultery was sentenced to not less than two nor more than two and a half years in the state prison at Windsor. William Carrier, for a similar offense, received a like sentence.

Peter Recci, who was found guilty of burglarizing the store of Charles E. Stebbins in Vergennes, October 18, was sentenced to prison for not less than six nor more than seven years while Charles Fenner, his companion, was given a similar sentence.

ADULTERATED DRUGS

Firm of J. L. Hopkins & Co. Fined \$400

New York, Dec. 15.—J. L. Hopkins & Co., a large importing drug firm with offices at 100 William street, came before Judge Hough in the United States Circuit Court yesterday with a plea of guilty to an indictment by the Federal Grand Jury charging the sale of adulterated drugs in violation of the Pure Food and Drug act. Judge Hough imposed a fine of \$400, which was paid.

CONGRESS NOW THE JUDGE

Pinchot Says it Must Now Pass on the Ballinger Reports

Washington, Dec. 15.—Gifford Pinchot, the deposed Chief Forester is trying hard to force both Houses of Congress to go on record concerning the three reports filed by the select committee on the Pinchot-Ballinger controversy. He gave out a statement yesterday declaring that the reports only half finished the work that Congress had set itself. He insists that the country wants to know the attitude of particular Senators and Representatives on the subject.

Mr. Pinchot states that the majority of the committee "merely did the easy thing" in exonerating the secretary of the Interior. This exoneration, he says, was forecast in the newspapers and discounted as soon as the personnel of the committee was known. But the people, in his opinion, decided long ago that Judge Madison and the minority members were right. Mr. Pinchot points out that the majority of the committee excuses Mr. Ballinger but condemns his policy.

"Congress is the court," says Mr. Pinchot's statement. "It named a committee to take testimony. It cannot now fairly avoid the responsibility of ruling in the reports of the committee. Of course, the report of the majority in favor of Mr. Ballinger has excited little interest and less surprise. From the beginning it was known what the tenor of the report would be. The standpoint majority did only what was expected of them. It takes vastly more moral courage to assume the responsibility of deciding against a man in high place and with powerful friends than to decide for him."

"After the standpoint majority had said what it said in defense of Mr. Ballinger it proceeded to give vigorous support to the coal land policy which Mr. Ballinger attacked. It took the identical position which Price Glavin, Garfield and I have been defending from the start."

ELECTRICAL TRUST SUIT

Government Action Eclipsing Standard Oil Case to Be Started Soon

Washington, Dec. 15.—The government's attacks on the so-called Electrical Trust will begin before the New Year unless present plans are changed, the intention being to file a bill in equity against one section of the combine in a United States court east of the Mississippi River some time this month. The Department of Justice considers the suit involves a test of the Sherman law never brought before. The government's case will depend largely upon the interpretation of the patent laws.

One of the government's prosecutors declares that when the action is instituted it will be recognized as far eclipsing the Standard Oil case in magnitude and importance. One conservative estimate is that its prosecution will cost the government at least \$1,000,000. This latter fact is said to be the answer of the Department of Justice to criticisms of delay. Attorney General Wickersham has been unwilling to involve the government in that great expense without the fullest investigation of the government's chances of success.

GLAVIS IS ACQUITTED

Jury Finds Him Not Guilty of Starting Forest Fires.

Golden Gate, Wash., Dec. 15.—Louis R. Glavis, principal witness in the Pinchot-Ballinger hearing, was acquitted yesterday on the charge of having started a forest fire. The jury was out twenty minutes. The evidence showed that Glavis had nothing to do with a big forest fire near White Salmon, alleged to have been caused by small fire started on his land.

BENNINGTON BRIEFS

Views of the Town and Village Told Briefly for Busy Readers.

W. L. Nichols has returned from a business trip to New York City.

The New Whitney today, A Painful Debt, feature drama by the Italia Co.; The Girls He Left Behind Him, Thanhouser drama; A Touching Affair, comedy drama by the American Co. The Iron Clad Lover, Thanhouser comedy. Every night, the Whitney orchestra.

Look! Look! Look! and see the fine program at Library theatre today. Extra, special extra for today only—The Fugitive, one of the great Biograph dramas ever shown. Regular program—Silver Cloud's Sacrifice, a great Indian drama; Pariah or Irael in Egypt, a beautiful colored drama by the Gaumont Co.; Mrs. Rivington's Pride, a good comedy; Resourceful Robert, another good comedy. Songs—"My Ramapo," and "Rosa Rosetta." Don't miss the big amateur contest next Friday night.

WILLIE HOPPE WEDS

Billiard Champion Marries New York Girl in Baltimore.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 15.—Willie Hoppe, 18.1 inch balk line billiard champion, was married yesterday afternoon in the Cathedral to Miss Alice Walsh, only daughter of Thomas W. Walsh, a wealthy clothing manufacturer, of 760 Broadway, New York City, by the Rev. P. C. Gavan, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. The marriage was bitterly opposed, it is said, by the father of the bride.

WOUNDED REBELS BAYONETED

Horrible Scene in Connection With Battle in Mexico

At the Frontier, Rancho Santiago, near Pedernales, Dec. 12, via El Paso, Tex., Dec. 15.—In Tuesday's engagement the revolutionists fought Gen. Navarro to a standstill, although inferior in numbers. All told 74 persons are known by independent investigation to be killed. Navarro took no prisoners—it is contrary to his orders—and in his camp today there were no wounded of the other side. The bayonet had completed the work of the bullet.

A horrible instance of the barbarity of the campaign occurred after the battle. Every man in the hamlet of Cerro Prieto, (Dark Hill) was brought before the mayor to prove his innocence of participation in the revolt. Thirty could not do this. As fast as their identity became known they were taken out and shot. They are included in the number of the dead. Gen. Navarro places his own dead at one captain, one lieutenant and 12 soldiers. Twenty-seven of his men, including two officers were severely wounded.

Among the latter was Gen. Brandes, special correspondent to the Mexican Herald and a resident of Panama.

Five insurgents who ran out of ammunition and surrendered were bayoneted.

The battle was indecisive in its result. It began at 11 a. m., and lasted until 4 p. m., and occurred at the vicinity of Cerro Prieto, 100 miles west of Chihuahua, at the base of two low hills, nine miles east of here.

THE FORTNIGHTLY

Interesting Program for Saturday Afternoon.

The next meeting of the Fortnightly, which occurs Saturday, Dec. 17th, will be a Home Afternoon in charge of the committee on Social Science, Mrs. Warren E. Putnam, Miss Anna Rogers, and Miss Helena Norton. The program will consist of a paper by Mrs. Putnam on "The Social Consciousness in American Verse" which will be illustrated by readings from the poets by members of the club.

EXPLOSION ON BATTLESHIP

Accident in the North Dakota's Coal Bunkers—A Seaman Killed.

Charlebourg, Dec. 15.—An explosion occurred yesterday in the coal bunkers of the American battleship North Dakota.

A seaman named Evans was terribly burned by the explosion and died soon afterward.

The Carrot Cure.

Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, referring to the true efficacy of carrots as a cure for wounds in a tradition which was certainly not handed down from Crecy, writes to Dr. Hunt in 1893, telling him how a man's heel, which was severely wounded at the battle of Fredericksburg, was treated by Dr. Bigelow, who did nothing but keep the wound open and made the patient use for this purpose a little plug of carrot, which seemed to agree with him very well.

Another more modern medical authority says that for delicate persons an excellent supper vegetable is a fair sized carrot, boiled whole so as to retain its aromatic properties, then split into quarters and warmed afresh before being served hot. It acts as a nerve sedative while being cordial and restorative. A sense of mental invigoration will follow, and the digestion of this estimable root will be readily performed without preventing sleep.—Fall Mail Gazette.

Peacock Plumage.

However much milliners may admire the plumage of the peacock and however much they may desire the money it brings, superstition prevents many of them from using it.

"Rather than give peacock feathers house room I would lose my best customer," one milliner declared. "I have done it more than once. Women who want their own materials made up have brought peacock trimming, and when I positively refused to handle it they went away angry and looked for somebody else to work up their peacock feathers. But no doubt they had a long chase, because two-thirds of the milliners feel just as I do about peacock feathers."

"But why?" asked a woman who carried a peacock feather in her hand bag.

"It's bad luck, that is why," said the milliner.—New York Sun.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

MANY DOG BILLS REDUCED TO ONE MEASURE

Committee on Agriculture Did
the Squeezing

FLOOD OF BILLS KEEPS UP

Ten Measures from Various Committees Made Appearance in House Today

Montpelier, Dec. 15.—The governor this morning signed the following bills: H 452 relating to the protection of game birds. H 216 relating to toll bridges H 471 authorizing the Essex Junction Graded School District to issue bonds, House 6 relating to transportation, H 472 relating to cards of instruction, H 497 relating to navigation on Lake Bomoseen and Lake St. Catherine. Also joint resolutions relating to final adjournment and granting the use of Representatives' hall to the members of the Assembly of 1904 for a reunion tonight. He also signed H 241 granting \$10 bounty on black bears, H 525 providing for the disposition of deer when found injuring crops or fruit trees on cultivated land, H 436 relating to the hunting of deer.

The Senate this morning passed the following bills: S. 98 relating to slow-age, S. 123 relating to the personal property of the state at the Randolph Normal school, S. 12 relating to the definition of the word automobile, S. 128 relating to the competency of witnesses, S. 139 relating to the registration of automobiles of non-residents, S. 128 relating to warrants against delinquent tax payers.

The influx of bills to the House continues, a total of ten being received this morning from the committee on banks relating to the Essex Cooperative Savings & Loan Association, one from the committee on corporations incorporating the village of West Glover; one from the same committee incorporating the Taquahunga Club of Swanton, one from the judiciary committee relating to inquests. Another from the same committee relating to the appointment of agents for the service of process.

The committee on agriculture has a substitute bill for all the various dog bills relating to the licensing of dogs. Mr. Howard of Whiting introduced a bill providing for the inspection of slaughter houses and relating to the duties of the cattle commissioner. Also, a bill by Mr. James of Weathersfield fixing the annual salary of the physician at the state prison at \$500 per year.

ANNUAL MEETING

Officers Elected by Local Lodge Knights of Columbus

At the annual meeting of the local lodge, Knights of Columbus held in their rooms at Academy hall on Tuesday evening, December 13, the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: Grand Knight, Daniel A. Gullitman; deputy grand knight, William Lundergan; councilor, Mathew Meagher; financial secretary, Joseph B. Lee; treasurer, Edward Lonergan; recording secretary, Daniel A. Keeler; warden, William Sears; advocate, Edward J. Cummings; inside guard, Frank Moore; outside guard, Augustus O'Hare; trustee, Walter J. Neville. D. A. Gullitman and Edward Lonergan were elected as delegates to the state convention and John Morrissey and Frank Moore as alternates.

The body of Mrs. Mattison Winslow a former resident of Bennington, who died at Cold Springs, N. Y., will be brought here for burial in the Village cemetery Friday afternoon at three o'clock. Rev. W. F. Meyer will officiate. The body will be accompanied here by Dr. J. M. Winslow, the son of the deceased.

TWENTY-NINE DIE IN MINE

Bosses Who Go to the Rescue Among Virginia Victims

Norton, Va., Dec. 15.—Twenty-nine lives are believed to have been lost yesterday in the explosion of gas in the Greeno coal mine two miles from Tacoma, Va., on the Norfolk & Western Railway.

Twenty-six miners were entombed when the explosion occurred, about 9 o'clock in the morning. In an effort to rescue the miners, Mine Superintendent James Harrowman and three bank bosses descended the shaft and nothing has since been heard from them. Soon after their descent they signalled for the engineer to stop the elevator and it is believed they lost their lives in the blast of flame which swept into the shaft. Ten bodies have been recovered.

WEATHER FORECAST

Probabilities for This Section for the Next 24 Hours.

For eastern New York and western Vermont snow in north, cloudy in south portion tonight. Cold wave in north and central portions. Much colder in south portion tonight. Friday fair, colder in south and central portions.